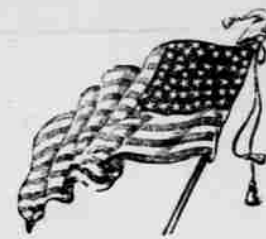




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LOCAL RED CROSS CONDUCTS A VERY ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

The Red Cross chapter in Williams is vigorously at work collecting contributions. A Campaign Committee with Dr. Jeffries as chairman and Mr. L. S. Williams as campaign manager, has divided the town in five districts and has appointed a campaign leader for each district. These leaders, in turn, have appointed a lieutenant in each block in the various districts. It is the duty of these lieutenants to canvass the block house to house and solicit subscriptions or contributions. The town is divided with Third Street as the north and south line and Grant Avenue as the east and west line. The fifth district is from the railroad north. The campaign leaders are: Mr. McD. Robinson, First district; Mr. F. M. Gold, Second district; Mr. I. P. McConkey, Third district; Mr. Jerry Lee, Fourth district; Mrs. A. Sine, Fifth district.

In addition to other preparation, campaign letters have been sent to each house in town calling the attention of the recipient to the fact that Williams must raise \$1,500 and it

will be necessary for every person at all interested in the welfare of the boys at the front and dependant families at home, to contribute more than liberally to this fund, in order that Williams may not be regarded as a slacker in patriotic duty. Letters will be sent to ranches and all outlying districts and members will call, later, to collect subscriptions.

Yesterday, a committee of Williams people went to Ashfork and held an open-air meeting in front of Babbitts Store, to stimulate interest and collect donations to the Red Cross.

Bellemont, Grand Canyon, Anita and Parks belong to the Williams chapter and subscriptions from these places will be accredited to Williams. The Williams chapter reports directly to Mr. H. J. Hill, Chairman, War Council, Washington D.C.

The Red Cross has bought out the theatre for tonight, the admission fee, 10c., will go directly to the Red Cross. The program will include the final episode of "Patria" and also two reels of comedy. During the evening a statement of the Red Cross will be made.

LARGE BLACK BASS FOR COLEMAN LAKE

Four members of the Williams Development Association spent all day Sunday securing fish with which to stock Coleman Lake. The party, consisting of Dr. Mellick, Mr. Ed Johnson, Mr. Geo. Barnes and Mr. Chas. Wade went out to McClellan Dam and seined for the large black bass there. Securing about eighty of the big beauties they transferred them the seventeen miles to Coleman Lake quite successfully. The trip was made in autos. About sixty-five of the fish were placed in Coleman Lake and the remaining twenty were put in Mr. Benham's Dam. These fish will soon have the company of a large number of black bass minnows, which the government is to ship here. Fishing will be prohibited at Coleman Lake for several years after which the stock should be plentiful and the sport good.

Coleman Lake is to be enlarged by the addition of several feet of earth dam at the north end, it having been found that this addition will not harm the property of Mr. Harry Henderson which is at the southwest side of the Lake. The road to the Lake is being worked on now and will be in first class condition in another week.

The Williams Development Association has funds on hand with which to commence improving Coleman lake and construction will begin within the next two weeks. Contributions for this project will be welcomed by the Association.

New Restaurant for Williams

Rosendo Levario, for five years foreman of the Grand Canyon Sheep Company, has opened up a restaurant and pool hall in the room formerly occupied by the Pullman under Harry Minor. Regular dinner will be served at noon and short orders may be had at all hours. Mr. Levario is an able business man, and is well and favorably known. He will no doubt make a big success of his new undertaking.

Mr. Levario has engaged an excellent chef and is prepared to serve meals American style. He will serve Mexican dishes also, to order. His service is of the best.

Mrs. A. Means, Mrs. M. C. Young and Mrs. F. E. Orr are spending the week at the Ritter ranch.

Appointed Member of Ariz. Council of Defense

Mr. McDonald Robinson is in receipt of a letter from Gov. Thos. Campbell, advising him that he has been appointed a member of the Arizona Council of Defense, and placed on the Committee on Public Revenue and Finance. Mr. John H. Page, of Phoenix, formerly representative from Coconino county, to the State Legislature, is Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Robinson has been very active in the work for the Red Cross and the Liberty Loan and a better man for the defense Council, could not be found in Williams.

Another Rawlins Jr.

Mr. Earl Rawlins received word Monday that he is the father of a fine new baby boy. The son is thriving and the mother is improving satisfactorily. It will be remembered that Mrs. Rawlins is with her mother in New Mexico. Earl Jr. is with his mother, is greatly delighted with his new brother.

Mr. F. M. Gold and little daughter Myra, Mike Duffy, R. Thompson and F. E. Wells with his son Everts, motored to Garland Prairie, Sunday. They found many of the farmers resting from the hard labor of getting in the spring crops, and hoping that the summer rains would start early. The prospect for crops is very good.

Five members of the Tucson Motorcycle Club came through Williams Tuesday. They had cycled through the eastern part of the state and expected to return to Tucson over the western roads. Tucson has a very enthusiastic Motorcycle Club, of nearly fifty members.

Mr. H. L. Benham reports that corn which he planted on his ranch a week ago, Sunday, had sprouted and grown to a height of two inches above the ground in one week's time. Most of Mr. Benham's crops are up and growing, as he never saw things grow before.

Mr. Wm. McGee was in from his Red Lake ranch, Tuesday, with a four horse team, to secure a big load of supplies. Mr. McGee has his crops in and reports that things look fine in the valley. He is proving up on his homestead this year.

Motor to Garland Prairie

BEWARE OF "RED CROSS" CHAIN LETTER

(From Phoenix Gazette)
The chain letter writer has turned his attention to the Red Cross. Copies circulating in Phoenix recite the need of chloroform in Red Cross hospitals and ask those receiving the letters to each send 24 cents for this purpose to a New-York address, placing a key number on each letter.

This may be a legitimate enterprise, honestly conceived or it may be a straight graft or a boost for the chloroform industry. Whatever it is the local Red Cross has no knowledge of it and makes the suggestion that whoever has an impulse to contribute at this time, should make his donation direct to his nearest Red Cross society. Chloroform may be needed but no more than a hundred other things and if properly financed the society can buy whatever it needs.

Even if the enterprise be legitimate, 24 cent contributions will never finance the Red Cross and will lead a great many to feel that they have done all that is required of them. When money is given to the Red Cross society direct, you know where it goes to.

Police Court Proceedings

Fines aggregating over one hundred dollars have been taken in the police court during the first half of June.

Several cases of ordinary drunks and an assault case comprised the budget. Some of the cases were of the character that cannot be judged with the severity usually meted out.

The assault case of Mrs. Jose Gonzales, was the most aggravated. Her goats had been impounded by the town marshal, which so angered Mrs. Gonzales that she attacked Mr. Burns, throwing large rocks. When Mr. Burns attempted to place the woman under arrest she resisted so strenuously that to prevent injury to the prisoner, it was necessary to call assistance. At the trial it was attempted to prove that the defendant was elderly and sickly but it was quite apparent that she was fully able to take care of herself as it required three men and one woman to place her in a wagon to convey her to the town jail.

There was a large audience in the court room, Saturday, when the case came before the court.

Billy Brown Gets 4 Months

Billy Brown who was arrested in a raid by local officers here last week, plead guilty before the Superior Court at Flagstaff, and was sentenced to four months and \$250. It is reported that the remainder of the liquor which he imported, was later taken from beneath the floor of his home, by some parties and is still making trouble.

"Col." Bass in Town

W. W. Bass came down from the Canyon Tuesday night, on business, returning Wednesday night. He reports that the Colorado is the highest he ever saw it and that it is still rising. It is estimated that the river has risen as much as sixty feet in many places along the canyon. One of the Bright Angel cables has been taken out by the flood and the big cable there is threatened. As yet the Bass cable remains sound and untouched.

Resignation Takes Effect

The resignation of Mr. Harold Greene, as Supervisor of the Tusayan National Forest, was accepted and took effect on the 15th of this month. Mr. Green is now working in the office of the Saginaw.

Mr. Geo. Kimball has been advised to act as Supervisor in the local office indefinitely.

Supervisor Chas. Woolfolk was in town on county business Wednesday.

NOTED ASTRONOMER VISITS WILLIAMS

Dr. A. E. Douglass, of Tucson was in Williams and at the Grand Canyon last week. Dr. and Mrs. Douglass are well-known here as they resided in Flagstaff for several years when Dr. Douglass was connected with the Lowell Observatory there. Dr. Douglass was Probate Judge of this county for two terms. Later he went to Tucson the Chair in Astronomy and Physics in the University of Arizona. Mr. J. E. Ruffin was the dinner guest of Dr. and Mrs. Douglass at the Fray Marcos last Sunday. Mrs. Douglass left for California where she will spend the summer and Mr. Douglass went East. While in this vicinity, Dr. Douglass spent some time at the prehistoric cliff dwellings with the intention of determining the age of the dwellings if possible. The Astronomical society has installed a 36 inch reflector at the University, recently, at the request of Dr. Douglass. This reflector will equal the one in use at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff.

100 Acres of Oats

Messrs J. D. Tannehill and C. W. Howe have just finished seeding one hundred acres of oats on their Garland Prairie homesteads. They have in about ten acres of spuds also in addition to a number of acres of garden truck. Seventy-five acres of the oats are already up and growing rapidly. Mr. Howe has in one acre of sunflowers, also, which he is raising for chicken feed. This is an experiment with him, but he is confident that the yield will be good.

Many Tourists

Automobile tourists have been passing thru Williams this week in larger numbers than ever before. Some are hurrying thru while others are taking their time to tarry among the big pines and enjoy the fine camping opportunities. Many of them wonder why Williams has not taken steps before, to provide more accommodations for summer visitors. They declare that a more delightful place to camp can not be found.

"Rabbit Bill" to Arkansas

Mr. Wm. Jackson, better known as "Rabbit Bill," Dink Smith's Caporal, discovered that he could buy a ticket to Little Rock, Ark., this week, and straightway set out to pay a visit to his mother at that place. He expects to remain several weeks, and to bring back enough possum to give the Arkansans here, including J. S. Holloway, a good feed.

First Visit to Grand Canyon

Mrs. Gordon Holloway came down from Grand Canyon on Wednesday and returned accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Holloway who will spend several weeks visiting with their son Gordon, and family. This is Mr. J. S. Holloway's first trip to the Canyon, altho he is an old timer here.

Veterinary in Williams

Dr. R. M. Scott, a graduate of the McMillip Veterinary College of Chicago, has located in Williams. Dr. Scott comes highly recommended and has been in active practice for three years. Those who have stock needing treatment, should apply to him at once, as his stay here is dependant upon the

Rev. Wallis to Preach

Rev. Wallis of the Baptist church at Flagstaff will hold services at the Parish House on Monday night, June 25. All are invited to attend. These Monday night services will be continued if enough interest is taken in them by the people of Williams.

Mr. Marion Fix was in town Tuesday, buying cattle.

POWER HOUSE OF WILLIAMS WATER AND ELECTRIC BURNS

The power house of the Williams water and Electric Company, today was burned to the ground. The boilers and machinery have suffered severely from the heat altho it is too early yet to determine whether the loss will be complete. Except for the prompt action of the town and Saginaw fire companies, the fire would have spread to a number of dwellings and might have caused a general fire. No damage was done outside of the burning of the power plant.

The fire started a few minutes before one o'clock and was beyond control before discovered. The town fire company arrived on the scene promptly and soon had three streams playing on the blaze and on the surrounding dwellings in order to prevent their catching. Two hose lines were run down from the mill and did effective work with their strong pressure. Garden hoses were also brought into play and lent good assistance in preventing the fire from catching at other houses.

At the south of the plant was a large pile of planks which were being used for fuel. The fire got beneath this pile and burned persistently and threateningly in spite of two large streams of water kept playing on it constantly. At last the expediency of removing the planks from the top in order to get down to the fire was resorted to and this part of the fire was gotten under control.

No hope of saving the plant was entertained from the first and all efforts were directed toward preventing the fire from spreading. Some entertained fear lest the boilers should explode, but danger of this was averted by the steam having been turned off.

Williams will be without electric lights and power until arrangements can be made to use the current from the mill. Mr. Nickerson stated this afternoon that he thought that the mill could supply ample current at night but that he would need all of the current at the mill during the day.

The loss is roughly estimated at near \$100,000.00.

THE RED CROSS WAR FUND

The \$100,000,000 that the Government is raising during "Red Cross Week" which forms the Red Cross Fund, \$1500 of which is Williams' portion, is to be deposited in the Williams State Bank to the credit of the Red Cross War Fund. Wm. G. McAduo, Secretary of Treasury, is treasurer of this fund and the Central Trust Company of New York City, 50 Wall Street, is officially appointed Assistant Treasurer. All of the money that Williams collects will be transferred to this Central Trust Company in New York City where all money collected in the United States during "Red Cross Week" is to be deposited. It is, therefore, plain to be seen that every cent contributed for this purpose will be strictly accounted for and audited by duly accredited agents of the government.

MRS. E. B. PERRIN, Chairman,
Williams Chapter A. R. C.
Dr. CLYMER D. JEFFRIES, Chairman,
Red Cross War Fund.

STRANDED BUT NOT LOOKING FOR WORK

Stranded eight miles this side of Ash Fork, an auto party consisting of two women, three children and a man, is about destitute. They have little food, no money and their auto, a six cylinder Studebaker is practically a wreck.

Leaving Chicago eight weeks ago expecting to reach Los Angeles with little difficulty, the party has experienced hard luck all along the way. They first were noticed by the Cocconino authorities on the road between Winslow and Flagstaff. Supervisor Woolfolk happened to meet the party, when they were out of gasoline, and helped them to reach Flagstaff. There he saw that the man was offered work. However it evidently was not what was wanted for the party halted Mr. Woolfolk the next day on the road to Williams and asked for gasoline. He again assisted them and they finally arrived in Williams where Mr. Wade met them and offered to find

work for the man.

Work did not appeal to the man and after making another raise in town, the party started for Ash Fork, Wednesday. On the hill eight miles this side of Ash Fork, the brake rod in the Studebaker broke. The driver was able to pilot the car nearly to the foot of the hill before he lost control and the car ran off the road over the edge of the canyon. The front wheel collapsed, letting the body of the machine down low and a large boulder caught under the rear axle and stopped the car. This was all that saved the party from serious injury or death. They have now camped beside the wrecked auto, evidently utterly discouraged after the siege of hard luck and are seemingly indifferent to their fate.

Mr. Wade has been doing every thing possible for them and will secure work for the man if he can be persuaded to come to town. It seems that the auto is his only asset and he does not want to part with it until he reaches California.

There are three small children in the party and the youngest one, just a baby, seems much in need of proper food.